

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

INTEGRATION OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS AND E-BUSINESS

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CAPABILITY

10 The present invention comprises a business offering to provide computer services and a system to provide a selection of those services. The offering comprises any combination of hosting computer application programs, providing e-business capabilities and providing integration facilities. The services are provided substantially simultaneously to a plurality of parties. In specific embodiments of the present invention, the computer application program is an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system (such as the SAP™ ERP system). The ebusiness capability provides a means for online business transactions between vendors and other parties and the integration capability enables integration of computer applications. Preferably, integration of an ERP system with an ebusiness capability is provided as an eERP solution. However, vendors are able to select various alternative combinations in accordance with their specific needs.

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